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## NEW YORK, TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1884.

IT ENDS LIKE A ROMANCE

THE HAPPY RESULT OF MISS PRANCIS'S SECRET MARKIAGE.

An Hetrese Ecosives No Longer to be Govorned by her Family, but to Go to her Husband, Although he is Comparitively Peer.
Miss Mary E. Francis, the 19-year-old
daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Francis, a widow of
209 Prince street, Brooklyn, is a handsome brunette. It will be a surprise to her many friends

to learn that she was married eight months ago to Mr. Thomas M. Johnston, a roung man of

irreproachable character and fair prospects, who lives in Dean street.

The young couple finally became tired of living apart, and agreed that the time had come

ing neart, and agreed that the time had come to notify Mrs. Johnston's mother that they were married. Mrs. Johnston was to break the news, and then she and her husband were to go to housekeeping in a flat in Dean street, which he had already furnished in good style.

story yesterday:
"Mr. Johnston and Miss Francis met for the first time in April, 1883, at a social gathering in St. Felix street. They were mutually at-tracted to each other, and soon a warm affec-

tion sprang up. Their marriage took place on her family would be much displeased over the

match, and it was agreed that it should be kept quiet and that she should continue to live with her mother. There was a definite understand-

#### VIRE IN A TOWERING FLAT.

THE EIGHT-STORY ST. GEORGE TURNED INTO A CHIMNEY.

Pick the Elevator Boy Of the Top and Holp Women from a Seventh Floor Window-Not a Momentto Lose in Saving Life at Midday—Thirteen Families Sursed Out—None of Them Saves Much—Miss Ente Fersyth's Lost Diamonds—What an Inva-ild Woman Did in her Excitement—Gov. McCmon's Daughter Found Painting.

wenue, who ran in at the alarm of fire. The Burgees family had only been in the flats three weeks, and had removed from 139 Last Sixteenth street.

Fred Himmelberg, the engineer of the building, descended to the cellar immediately after the fire broke out. He found the wood in the cellar in flames, and was standing by the shaft axamining the situation when the elevator ame crashing into the cellar. Himmelberg was aurt, and was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

The fire spread rapidly from floor to floor, and within half an hour from the time of the alarm the smoke was pouring out from all the upper windows. Boon the flames followed, but the firemen succeeded in getting at the building from front and rear, and it burned slowly, firest crowds watched it from available points along Stuyvesant square, and from Third avenue and Seventeenth street. The flames burned most fiercely on the top floor and that beneath it, which the firemen could reach with but little effect. The vigorous use of the water tower checked them. The fire was not completely extinguished until 50 clock. Then the firemen proceeded to fash down into the atreet the shrivelled sheetien corales and half-burned bedding. The east wall bulged heavily, and it was the opinion of builders who saw it that the flat must be rebuilt from the fourth floor.

James Rape, James Stephenson, and Thomas J. Mooney, members of Engine Co. No. 5, were senieded by the escape of steam from the pipes in the building. Rape and Mooney were taken to Believue Hospital, but were afterward able to return to their engine houses.

The occupants of the flat not already mentioned were either away when the fire broke out or escaped without injury, though not always without difficulty. They were members of the families of Dr. J. R. Hobble, Max G. Raeffe, Stephen H. Gray, George B. Macpherson, Albert R. Parsons, Timothy Griffith, Cornelius Dubols, G. W. Humphrey, William J. Simonton, and Mise Kate M. Forsyth, the ectress, and her mother and little niece. Miss Forsyth was attending a rehearsa

Theatre when she heard of the fire. She went home immediately, accompanied by Mr. John McCullough. She wetted her spring suit stepping over the pools of water inside the fire lines. To the first fireman she met she put the hundred my jewes? The fireman said that little had been saved from the building. She went into a house near by, and came out in a few minutes enveloped in a waterproof. She said she was going into the building to save her wardrobe. The firemen wouldn't let be. William Corby, a member of John McUllough's company, said he would try to save her things. He dashed into the flat, and reappeared soon, carrying a lot of jewelry byxes. A fireman behind him had an armful of scorched and smoked dresses. The boxes were empty, Miss Forsyth deserved in at all her jewels had been seven. The boxes had contained and said, a diamond than crown. rive empty, Miss Forsyth described installer sewels had been strien. The boxes had intained and send a diamond tinra crown. The boxes had intained and send and cluster pin, a discount strien, cluster sword, and cluster pin, a discount at with a cat's eye in the centre, and numerous rings. Capt. Clinchy sent a possess to search her rooms. Nothing of value as discovered. Detective Cyrus Rogers of the entral Office said that he had watched the saiding during the fire, and was positive that

no strangers had entered it. Wm. O. Cloyes, the innitor, thought the jewels might have been taken by persons who came in from the rear. The police discovered that persons had crossed over from the fourth story of the burned building to the adjoining house on the west side by means of a shutter laid upon the window sill. None of the firemen had found persons rummaging through the building.

At Mrs. Elizabeth Perry's house, 8 East Thirty-second street, where Misa Porsyth spent last night with Mrs. John T. Raymond, it was said that Miss Porsyth's maid Leontine had tried to save the actress's jewels, but that she had gotten together only a few articles when the filmes frightened her, and she ran to the fire escape, leaving many of the valuables.

Mrs. Lockwood found shelter with friends at 241 East Seventeenth street.

and they were from a several from the property of the control of t

the precinct police:

George B. Macpherson. \$10,000; John L. Lockwood.
\$10,000; M. T. Haede. \$5,000; Timothy Griffith. \$5,000;
E. J. McGanny. \$2,000; William J. Simonton. \$0,000;
Cornelius Dubois. \$10,000; Walter Burgess. \$10,000;
Edward Fanturd. \$10,000; Albert B. Farsons. \$10,000;
Edward Fanturd. \$10,000; Dr. Hobble \$5,000; and Kate
M. Forsyth. \$10,000.

# CHARGED WITH DECEPTION.

A Paster Accused of Being Engaged to Three Otris and Watting on a Fourth.

POUGHREEPSIE, April 7 .- According to the Saugerties Post, the Rev. L. M. Ferris, mission-ary pastor of the Baptist Church in Tivoli, is secused of practising deception and telling falsehoods. It is charged that he has kept company with a young lady in Cornwall for more than three years, and had engaged to marry her; that he has kept company with another young lady in Cold Spring for two years or more, who was expecting to marry him soon, but that he has lately obtained a statement from her that he is not engaged to her; that he has kept company with another young lady in Tivoli for a number of months, and was engaged to her also; and finally that for the last two months he has been waiting on another young lady in the place.

The Domestic Mission Board of the Hudson River Central Baptist Association appointed a committee to investigate certain rumors derogatory to the good name of Mr. Ferris, and this meeting Mr. Ferris announced that the church had withdrawn from the Missionary Board, and he had resigned as a missionary Board, and they did not feel that the Board had anything to do with them. He added that the church had mything to do with them. He committee thought that both Mr. Ferris and the church had made a great mistake, and that their action would awaken the strongest suspicions that they sought to avoid the inquiry.

"I riday night the members of the church who are in favor of Mr. Ferris gave him a call to continue preaching, laving raised \$555 for him by subscription. "This money." says a Tivoli man, "was subscribed by persons who never enter a church, unless it is to pay respects to deceased friend."

Leaden and Liverpeal Clothing Co. secused of practising deception and telling falsehoods. It is charged that he has kept

London and Liverpool Clothing Co.

JEALOUST AND MURDER

A Farmer Choote his Wife and her Friend LAPORTE, Pa., April 7 .- Four years ago

James E. Wilson left his farm near here and went to Colorado I Only one letter was re-ceived from him by his wife or friends. By good management and the help of her three sons Mrs. Wilson managed to clear off the debt on the farm. The eldest son attained his ma-jority last week and the youngest is 17 years old. They were steady boys, and through their efforts Mrs. Wilson prospered and lived in far better style than when her husband was at home. She was about 40 years of age, but looked ten years younger, and was prepo ing in appearance and manners. About two

looked ten years younger, and was prepossessing in appearance and manners. About two years ago James, the eldest boy, met William Crossman, a carriage blacksmith, and a warm acquaintance sprang up between the two. Orossman became a regular visitor at the Wilson homestead, and occasionally spent the entire Sunday with the lamily.

On March 25 the long missing Wilson returned from the West without any money, and in apparently poor health. He had become addicted to drink, and three days after his returned from the west without any money, and in apparently poor health. He had become addicted to drink, and three days after his return went on a spree, which lasted several days. He acted in a blasphemous way with respect to Crossman's intimacy with the family, and a quarrel between himself and James caused the inter to leave home and board in the village. Mrs. Wilson has not left her house since her husband's return, and, according to the stories of the two other boys, pald no attention to her husband's secons and jeers about her intimacy with Crossman.

Yesterday Wilson saw Crossman enter the house and go with his wife into the sitting room. Walking quickly to the door, he opened it noiselessly, and found Crossman aitting on the sofa beside his wife, with his arms about her. Mrs. Wilson was crying at the time. Wilson drew a revolver and fired two shots at Crossman. He then pointed the pistol at his wife and fired at her, he fell to the floor beside Crossman. The report of the pistol brought Wilson's two sons into the house. As they entered they saw their father hold the pistol to his side and fire. A physician was summoned, who pronounced the father and mother fatally wounded. Crossman has two wounds in the right aide, but he is expected to recover. James Wilson, Jr., says that his father was in the wrong, and that Crossman had only acted the part of a friend to his family.

A Once Noted Horse Thief who Knew Shake-CORRY, Pa., April 7 .- Shep Tinker, who knew the works of Shakespeare, Milton, Ho-mer, and Byron by heart, and who boasted that he had stolen and aided in stealing over 400 horses, and had been in eight different penitenleader of the notorious Tinker gang of horse sylvania, and all through Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, forty years ago. He was also a counterfeiter in his early days. He was once arrested in Zanesville with several thousand dollars in counterfeit money on his person. The jailer's servant girl fell in love with him and let lars in counterfeit money on his person. The jailer's servant girl fell in love with him and let him escape from the jail. When he was 20 years old he insisted that he had stolen a horse from a farmer. He was sent to State prison for six years. It was afterward learned that he was 25 miles away from the farmer's the night the horse was stolen. When he got out of prison he formed his gang of horse thieves. He was finally forced to fly from the scenes of his exploits in Ohlo. He was gone several years, during which time he proached a year in a Methodist church, conducted a political campaign in an Iowa county, and served a term in the prisons of Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. When he returned to his native place in Ohio, near Athens, he lived honselly a year, and then announced himself as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, coupling the announcement with the declaration that if he couldn't be Justice of the Peace, coupling the announcement with the declaration that if he couldn't be Justice of the Peace, coupling the announce took to the road. He committed several daring robberies, and finally stopped the Judge of the county on the highway and robbed him of his money and his horse. He was unable to escape from the officers who pursued him for this offence, and he was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. He was pardoned out before his time expired, and returned to his native place, where he renewed his efforts to be made a Justice of the Peace. In 1862 he succeeded in gaining the election over one of the most prominent men in the town, but the civil disabilities under which he labored prohibited him from holding the office. Since then he lived an honest life, but was always proud of his career. He was in his 75th year.

THE CRISIS IN EGYPT.

try Unless the English are Excluded.

CAIBO, April 7.-Nubar Pasha has con-

sented to suspend his resignation until the

English Government gives its decision in re-

gard to the relative powers of the Egyp-

tian Ministers and the English offi-cials. The Khedive is supporting Nubar

Editors Condomned to Imprisonment. Madrid, April 7 .- The Supreme Court has re-

MADRID, April 7.—The Supreme Court has re-jected the appeal of the director of the Zorillist new-paper El Porcesir, who during the administration of Meñor Sagasta was condemned to eight years' imprison-ment for publishing articles abusive of King Alfonso. The editor of El Porcesir, Serior Gorda, has also been senienced to eight years' imprisonment. The director of El Progress of Madrid was arrested on Saturday for publishing an extract from the writings of Macasiay on regicide. The two editors of the paper escaped by flight.

Dynamite Threats.

LONDON, April 7.-The authorities received

Mr. Gindstone Advocating the Franchise Bill.

Berahardi Esfuses to Play.

Panis, April 7.-Mme. Bernhardt refuses to

The Marquis de Caux and Mme. Pattl.

the truth of the report that a reconciliation had been effected between him and Mme. Pattl. He says that she has not written to him in seven years, and that if de-vorce proceedings should be instituted by Mme. Pattl. be would hasten to take advantage of them. He should pics that he ever gambled while living with Mme. Pattl.

Foreign Notes.

Advices from Tonquin say that the French will attack fung-Hoa April 11.

Hung-Hoa April 11.

The Dublin Express maintains that the story of a conspiracy to blow up the Mountjoy prison with dynamite is absolutely true.

Advices from Warsaw report that the police spy who was recently murdered at Fetrokof, Foland, was killed while in pursuit of Mhilista.

An Italian vessel containing twenty tons of dynamite is lying at enchor at Gipraiar. She is detained on adcount of irregularity in her papers.

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10 and 73 Bowers -- day

Mr. diadetone has arrived in London.

Paris, April 7.-The Marquis de Caux denies

match, and it was agreed that it should be kept quiet and that she should continue to live with her mother. There was a definite understanding, however, that in a year at least she should go to her husband. The only objection Mrs. Francis could have to Mr. Johnston was that he was not as wealthy a husband as she believed her daughter should have. The young lady wil some day inherit a fortune from a relative in Massachusetts. Mr. Johnston is in all reapects a desirable match. He is earning a fair income. He is a Boutherner. He is about 30 years old, has no bad habits, and is a fine looking blond. He is also a church member, and in the Bunday school to which he is attached many beautiful and accomplished young ladies would have feel flattered by his attention. Toward the end of last month Mr. and Mrs. Johnston had a serious talk over their unsatisfactory relations, and the result was that an agreement was made that seeds that he should make arrangements for house-keeping. He then hired a flat, and spent several hundred dollars in furnishing it. Early last week she spent several hours with him in selecting the furniture, Mr. Johnston deferring, in every particular, to her tasts. The final understanding was that she should be at her new home on Friday evening.

"If am not there, she said, come to the house and take me away. I believe my mother and brother delike you, and they may lock me up and refuse to let me out.

"Bhe was not there on Friday evening, and about 9 o'clock Mr. Johnston went to her house in Frince street. When he asked for her, her brother handed him a letter, which he recognized as being in her handwriting. He read its contents with astonishment. Bhe informed him that she had zone far away, that he would never see her again, and bade him an everiasting farewell. He left the house much perpeted, but the only conclusion he could reach was that alle had sone far away, that he would never see her again, and on Saturday afternoon Major Walker accompanied him to her home. The consulted with his beet fri

"Under the circumstances the lawyer could give no advice. He was forced to admit that the young woman had a perfect right to follow her own inclinations."

A reporter saw Mrs. Johnston at her mother's house last night.

"Yes," she said. "I was married to Mr. Johnston in August last. I had known bim for four months, and had learned to like him. I was about to go to the country, to a farm in Massachusetts which my mother owned. One evening we were out walking, and he said to me: "Mary, what do you say to getting married?"

"You are going away, and I do not know when

chusetts which my mother owned. One evening we were out walking, and he said to me:

"Mary, what do you say to getting married? You are going away, and I do not know when you will come back. It would make me feel happy if you became my wile."

I consented, and we went to the house of the Rev. Dr. Humphrey, and were married. It was agreed that nothing should be said about the matter until all arrangements were made for housekeeping. The secret was kept until last week, when I broke the news to my mother. My husband had then secured apartments at 329 Dosm street, and I promised to go there on Friday night. My mother was very much displeased, and it was by her persuasion that I wrote that letter to my husband. When he called yesterday with the lawyer I was very sick, and so much excited that I did not know what I said or did. I was not responsible for my actions.

To-day I have thought over the matter and have made up my mind to go with my husband, whether it displeases my family or not. I have sent for him and expect him to call before long. I will stay here a few days more, but before another week I and my dear husband will be housekeeping. He is about ten years older than I am, and is poor in comparison with a man whom I could have married, but I believe he is good and true and that we shall be happy. I loved him well enough to live with him. Bay that everything has been satisfactorily arranged, and that my husband and I will receive our friends at 329 Dean street in the future. I have been a member of Dr. Talmage's church, and my lady friends in the Sunday school will be much surprised, but I hope they will get as good a husband as I have."

Pasha's right to the supreme control of the administration, and has urged Sir Evelyn Baring, the British Minister, to assent to the dismissai of Mr. Clifford Lloyd from the post of Under Secretary of the Interior. Several Pashas have been sounded, with the view of ascertaining whether or not they would be willing to join a new Ministry. They one and all declined to join unless the English element were excluded. The European Consuls hold aloof from the dispute, with the exception of M. Barrers, the French Consul-General, who is prompting Nubar and the other Pashas to resist English interference. It is the opinion of the European officials at Cairo that a continuance of the mixed administration is impossible; that the English must either assume the sole direction of the Government or leave the control to the Egyptians.

Major Hunter has returned to Aden, having wisited Berbers. Harrara, and Zella, in the Somall territory, just south of the Gulf of Aden. Hunter reports that he found the tribes well disposed toward the Egyptian Government, although agitated over the condition of affairs in the Soudan.

## LYNCH LAW THREATENED IN OHIO Indigention Against a Town Marchal who Used his Club with Patal Effect.

WOOSTER, Ohio, April 7 .- This morning a young man named Cowles was found on one of the principal streets in Shreve, a small village in Wayne county, in a drunken condition James Niman, the Town Marshal, placed him under arrest. A crowd collected and followed the Marshal and his prisoner to the calaboose. information to-day that the dynamiters intended to commit outrages during the absence of the Thames police boat at the university race. Extra guards were consequently placed about the Law Courts and other important public buildings.

TRIESTS. April 1.—A bomb exploded last evening near the barracks. It caused no injury. The lockup had been vacated a few hours only by a party of tramps, and Cowles and his friends by a party of tramps, and Cowies and his friends protested against his being placed in such a filthy place. Cowies resisted and began to fight desperately for his liberty, the crowd in the mean time hooting and yelling at the Marshal. Niman drew his club and atruck the prisoner on the top of the head felling him to the ground. He then struck the insensible man several more blows, and afterward ordered a brother of Cowies, who was in the crowd, to take him home. Beveral of the friends of Cowies attacked the Marshal, while others started off in search of a rope with which to hang him. The town authorities, hastily placing Niman in a carriage, brough him to this place and placed him in the county jail. Cowies died at about noon at the house of his brother, and a charge of murder in the first degree was preferred against Niman. There is much indignation among the dead man's friends, and it is rumored here to-night that a large band of armed men will make a raid on the jail before morning, with the intention of taking Niman out and hanging him to the nearest troe. LONDOM. April 7.—Mr. Gladstone made a powerful speech in the House of Commons to-day in support of the Franchise bill. He said it was a good thing for the State that the largest number of capable citizene should possess the franchise. He defended the autansion of the franchise in Ireland as an act of right and justice. The Franchise bill passed its second reading—360 to 210. play in M. Buanach's new drama, "Gatienne." During rehearsal at the Porte St. Martin she offered to find another actrees for the leading rôle, but M. Busnach withdrew the drama. The management of the theath will institute proceedings against M. Busnach for breach of coutract.

His Jet-Black Hair Turns White in a Wook ROCHESTER, Minn., April 7.-Mr. James Campion, an old resident of this sounty, is the subj nost curious physiological phenomenon. His hair an most currous prystological prenomenon. His nair and heard, which have, always been so black as to give him the sobriques of "Black Jim." suddenly began to turn gray, and in less than one week besame as white as the driven snow. Mr. Campion is about 45 years old, was in perfect health at the time, and can assign no reason for the strange occurrence.

John G. Latimer died suddenly yesterday at 190 Amity street, Brooklyn, aged 70. He owned counderable real estate in South Brooklyn, and built Letimer Hall. Capt. Thomas W. Cartwright, for many years a Custom ouse officer, died yesterday at 371 Third street, Brooklyn. An Invitation that is Always Open.

You need not wait until you have all the money to buy your swring silks, saling clothing, books, and shoot thomas Ecity. 10s and 10s west 17th w. second door wont of this sw., gives credit to all whe dogsto it. Olyo

ALL MANDS THY THE BUTTER. General Agreement as to Its Countrons and Age and a Suspicion of Onions.

James W. Culver, a lawyer of Brooklyn, carried a brown-leather bag into the Tombs Court yesterday and accused F. A. Woolensack, butter dealer in Pulton Market, of selling him

oleomargarine for butter.
"I bought three pounds of it for dairy but-ter," Mr. Culver said. "I took it home and had it three or four days, when my wife, who was cooking some clam stew, put some of the butter in. The stew was spoiled. I showed the butter to Mr. L. O. Goodridge, who is my neighbor, and in the butter business in Warren street. He said it was adulterated. In the soup it was offensive to the taste and smell. I took the re-

He said it was adulterated. In the soup it was offensive to the taste and smell. I took the remainder of the butter, or whatever it is, to Mr. A. W. Dennett of I Chatham street. He said it was oleomargarine. John A. Waddell of 2 and 6 Pulton street said it was oleomargarine."

Alfrod W. Dennett of I Chatham street said he had been dealing in butter siz years in this city. He had handled it in the country for twenty years buying it from the farmers for country storekespers.

I believe this article." Dennett said, "is adulterated. I showed it to Waddell. I judge of butter by taste or smell. I might be mistaken."

I John A. Waddell said he rad churned milk on his father's farm, but had never manufagured cleomargarine.

"This article that Mr. Culver got," he said, "was adulterated birtter. I did not make any chemical test. I tasted and smelt the butter."

James R. Southwick, inspector of oleomargarine for the New York Mercantile Exchange, was asked to look at the butter, which Mr. Culver now brought out from his travelling bag. He scraped a little off the chunk and put it on his tongue. Meantime, all the butter dealers, policuman, clerks, and iswyers took off bits and tasted it. It tasted a little cheesy and old.

"That's not oleomargarine." Mr. Southwick said; "It's dairy butter. It's been made a long time."

"I am sure it is butter," said Policeman Mecornick. "I was too long in the butter business not to know it when I see it."

"I'll bet \$100 to \$5." F. W. Hearn of Fulton Market said, "butter's been near onlons."

Edward C. Green, a dealer in putter for fourteen years at 180 Chambers street, was called to the stand. He ran his tirer down into the butter and tasted. "That's old June dairy butter." He said.

Justice Power dismissed the case. "Not one man in a hundred." he said. "can tell oleomargarine from butter. My own opinion is that good eleomargarine is better than poor butter."

DOINGS AT ALBANY.

Veto of the Bill to Make Ameterdam a City-

ALBANY, April 7 .- The Governor returned to the Assembly to-night [without approval the bill incorporating Amsterdam as a city. He points out numerous provisions which he gard to proceedings to acquire property for street openings. The bill, he says, bears evidence of having been heatily drawn, and he believes no hardship will result from the postponing of its incorporation another year. He reminds the people that the Government of a city may be even more burdensome than that a village. He suggests that the question be submitted to

a vote of the inhabitants.

Bills were passed authorizing Kings county to buy 1.000 acres of land, at an expense not Bills were passed authorizing Kings county to buy 1,000 acres of land, at an expense not exceeding \$100,000, for the better care and custody of its poor and insane; also incorporating the New York Free Circulating Library.

In the Senate Mr. Cuilen endeavored to have the bill suppointing Thomas E. Smith and Joseph Garry as additional members of the New York Board of Assessors passed by unanimous consent but Mr. Robb objected.

The Benate disagreed with the Assembly amendments to the Brooklyn Water bill, which limits Brooklyn to the surplus water Queens pointed by both Houses.

The bill allowing the New York Board on Sirect Opening to change the grade of the streets between Fifty-ninth and 127th streets. Soventh and Ninth avenue, and Central Park, to conform with the grade of Eighth avenue, was passed.

The Senate then took up the Municipal Civil Service bill. Mr. Murphy's amendment exempting the New York and Brooklyn Fire Departments from the civil service rules was adopted. The police had already been exempted.

Mr. Lansing offered an amendment, which was adopted, providing that honorably discharged soliders and salitors of the late civil war be exempt from the examinations. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The names of Erastus Brooks of Richmond. Dr. John S. Delavan of Albany, and George W. Cock of Ulster, as members of the State Board of Health, were sent in by the Governor, and the nominations were confirmed.

Mr. Campbell introduced a bill embodying the suggestion of the Grand Jury of New York that the police force be increased by 500 men.

## PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS.

Delegates to Chicago to Go Uninstructed—The Tariff Plank in the Platform.

ALLENTOWN, April 7 .- No State Convention has ever excited more interest in preliminary work than that of the Democrats which assembles here on Wednesday. Chairman Hensel issued 1.500 orders for reduced-rate tickets, which indicates an extraordinarily large attendance. A large number of the delegates are here, and the hotels'are crowded.

The Convention will be for Randall decidedly. While an unequivocal expression to that end will be made, there will be no unit rule instructions. On the question of platform, the reference to the tariff will embody these thoughts, aubstantially: They favor a tariff for revenue, limited to the necessities of the Government economically administered, and so adjusted in its application as to prevent unequal burdens, encourage productive industries at home, and afford just compensation sto labor, but not create or foster monopolies, and to this end they favor the abolition of the internal revenue system of taxes and such reduction of existing tariff duties as will be consistent with these principles. The Convention will refer in terms of reprehension to the fraud of 1876, by which Tilden was deprived of his seat. While an unequivocal expression to that end

## Political Straws.

Pennsylvania, yesterday elected J. H. Wagner as delegate to the National Convention, with instructions for Hisine. The Republicans of Northumberland county,

The Yates county Republicans will be represented in the Congress Convention of the Twenty-ninth district, to be held in Penn Yan on the 10th inst., by Stafford C. Cleveland, H. C. Talmadge, W. N. Perry, Everett Brown, to be held in Penn Yan on the 10th inst., by Stafford C. Cleveland, H. C. Talmadge, W. N. Perry, Everett Brown, John W. Smith, and Alden D. Foz. All are anti-Administration, and are for George R. Cromwell for national delegate.

John G. Murchie, Republican, was reelected Mayor of Calais, Me., yesterday, by 146 majority. Last year he had 485 majority. The Democrata for the first time in many years, elected an Alderman.

At a meeting of the colored Republican voters of the Mayland Fourth Congress district, in Baltimore last night, a resolution was adopted to the effect that, as the colored voters are fully one half of the Republican vote of the district, they are entitled to the district delegate of the district, they are entitled to the district delegate of the district, they are entitled to the district delegate of the district, they are entitled to the control of the district, they are entitled to the district delegate of the district, they are entitled to the district delegate of the district of the distr

A fire occurred on the second floor of a five-story tenement at 220 East. Pifty-fourth street at 10 o'clock last night, and rapidly spread to the upper floors, causing a panic among the tenants. The hallways were filled with smoke, Women rushed with their children to the windows, and were with difficulty restrained from throwing them-selves ont. Women rushed with their children to the windows and were with difficulty restrained from throwing themselves ont.

The firemen scaled the walls with ladders and saved many of the women and children in that way.

Bergeant Rooney caught a woman in the act of jumping with her infant from the third-story window. Several of the women fainted, and were carried out.

The damage to furniture was \$1,000, and to building \$000.

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protection to their patrons, as they guar-ing purchased at 10 and 73 Dewery, -- de-

row is alleged, among other things, to have dead rat was floating, and that in the water

ABOUT THE RAT IN THE BEER,

Judge Morrow Tells What He Said About

Mr. Felgosopan's Browery. NEWTON, April 7.—Christian Felgenspan,

brewer of Newark, is suing ex-Judge

William H. Morrow of Belvidere for al-

leged slanderous charges made against him at a public temperance lecture

held in this place on Sept. 23, in which Mr. Mor-

dead rat was floating, and that in the water used to make the beer, employees of the brewery had washed their feet.

Judge Morrow was put upon the stand to-day,
What did you say," he was asked, "about men washing their feet?"

"I didn't speak of, any one washing his feet at all." he replied. "I said that beer made out of the water of the Passaio Rivor was unfit for human consumption, and that as for beer being healthy, it was only necessary to look at the average beer drinker to decide on that question." "I object!" shouted the counsel for plaintiff.
"We're not here to listen to a temperance ser-

"I object!" shouted the counsel for plaintiff.
"We're not here to listen to a temperance sormon."
Well, I think we are not either," said Judge
Magie. I've no doubt Mr. Morrow would
preach a good one, and I think it might be very
beneficial right here. Still, we haven't the time
to listen to it."
"Now. Judge Morrow," said defendant's
counsel, "we come to the grand question:
What did you say about seeing a rat in a vat in
a brewery?"
I said that I had been told that beer needed
clarifying, but that sometimes a drunken rat
foll in and attended to the clarifying of the
beer himself. Then I said I had once been in a
brewery belonging to or superintended by Mr.
Feigenspan, and there I saw in a vat full of beer
a dead rat floating on the top, and swollen to
twice or thrice its natural size. It looked a
good deal like a good many beer drinkers I
have seen, and came to its death as they did,
through too much beer. I said to Mr. Feigenspan, There's a lot of lost beer. 'Oh. no,
he replied; 'that'il do first rate to send
up in the country to Belvidere to Dr. Paul and
Mr. Harrison, both men to whom Feigenspan
had sold beer, and who recommended it very
highly, and one of whom, Mr. Harrison, District
Attorney of Warren county, allowed his name
to be used in advertising it."

At 4 o'clock all the evidence on both sides
was in. The summing up will be finished tomorrow morning.

THE LOSS OF THE DANIEL STEINMANN.

The Sambre Island Disaster Attributed Solely to Negligence. HALIFAX, April 7 .- The official inquiry into the loss of the steamship Daniel Stein-mann was begun this afternoon, and the three mann was begun this afternoon, and the three passengers who will start for New York tomorrow morning wore examined. To-morrow Capt. Scott and the Board will go to Sambro Island to take the testimony of the light-keeper and others. The opinion of all competent to judge is that the loss of the vessel is solely attributable to negligence. The Captain says that he took Sambro Light for Chebucto Head Light, first sighting it two points on the starboard bow and keeping it to starboard. This no sane man who knew anything about the coast or had the sense to look at his approachion the chart would do.

No additional bodies have been recovered from the wreck. Divers wore at work to-day for the first time, and investigated the position of the wreck. It is the opinion of the divers and others that all the remaining bodies have been washed out and ground to pieces in the surf and breakers.

BENJAMIN FITCH'S WILL IN CONTEST. Mrs. Collendor, a Niece of the Philanthroplot, the Contestant. Proceedings in the contest of the will of

sid that he gave in his lifetime \$1,500,000 to charities The will is contested by Mrs. Collender, a nicco of the testator, on the ground that he was mentally incapacitated from making a will.

By his will the testator gives the Fifth avenue house

By his will the testator gives the Fifth avenue house to his grandnices. Charlotte, Eve, and Carry Fitch during their lives. He gives the silver in the house to his grandnephew, Benjamin Fitch, Jr. All his property at Danbury, Conu., he gives to his nephew Francis Fitch, who is directed to look after the interests of the Fitch Home for Soidlers, and see that the testator's plans for the Home are carried out. His property in Buffalo is given to his grandnephew Henjamin Fitch. He instructs his executors to receive the dividends of all his stocks, bounds, and bank accounts, and to pay to P. S. Fitch \$2,040 a year and the taxes upon the house. There are two codicils to the will, by which Henjamin and Francis Fitch are under the principal beneficiaries. The executors are John Morris, the Hev. Dr. Charles F. Deoms, and Corpelius Vaniderbiit.

The two subscribing witnesses to the will were examined yesterday. One said that he had known Mr. Fitch to be a very peculiar man, and that at the time the will was executed he was almost speechless. The other will ness and that it was his custom to see Mr. Fitch almost example of the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the Mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the mr. Fitch almost example the principal band to the mr. Fitch almost examp

## REPORTED BY COL. MAPLESON.

Pattl, and Gereter, and an Earthquake, and a Legislature, and Champagne.

Col. Mapleson and his singers arrived in Jersey City by the Pennsylvania Bailroad late last night.
"Such a trip," the Colonel said later in the New sey City by the Pennsylvania Rairoad late last night.

"Such a trip," the Colonel said later in the New
York Hotel. "I cannot begin to describe it. Patti and
Gerster got mountains of flowers and pyramids of
artistic brica-burse. San Prancisco is the town, though.

I was arrested seven times in one day, and experienced
an earthquake shock. Room on fifth floor of the Palace
thotel, and it awayed from side to side more than six
inches in the most peculiar manner, by Jove!

"Why din't we sing in Clincinast! Oh, it wasn't
safe, you know. We were to have opened there to-night,
but on Sunday morning the Clincinast! Somet wired in
that only six seats were sold. Fancy it. Women didn't
dare to go to the open, as it was dangerous to go about
the streets.

"At Cheyome both Houses of the Legislature adjourned and came out 100 miles on the railroad to meet us
with a carloaded with champagne and cigars. The first
moment wasked into that car it speciences it brill.

"At Obey loaded with champagne and cigars. The first
moment wasked into that car it specience at thrill.

"By Jove, do you know if Patti should lose her voice
she could make a living as a pianist. She and Gerster
were charmed with California. The atmosphers was so
pure that their voices were as clear as a bell all the
time."

San Francisco, April 7.-In the Sharon divorce case to-day George Dudley Gillard, employed in the Mazonic Cemetery, testified in relation to the placing the Masonic Cemetery, testified in relation to the placing by Miss Hill of a package of Sharon's undergarments in a newly-made grave. Witness said that in the apring of 1883 Miss Hill, accompanied by Miss Brackett, called at the cemetery. Miss Hill said she had just had her fortune told, and, in obedience to the commands of this fortune teller, wanted to place a package is a newly-made grave. She said the package conflained flowers and rose leaves. The witness, who is personally acquainted with Miss Brackett, granted the roquest, and placed the package under the codin shell. She insisted on the witness accepting a silver dollar, saying that if he did not accept it the charm would not work. The witness and he was present when the package was an achimned, and that it was the same that ind been placed there by Miss Hill. Cross-examination falled to shake his testimony.

Wallace Ross, the oarsman, arrived in the Alaska yesterday afternoon. He was escorted to the Golden Oar, in Harlem, by James Pilkington, Fred Plais ted, and George Gaisel. Many caremen greeted him thers He will begin training in a couple of weeks for his race with Courtney on May 31 for a purse of \$2,500, offered by James Plikington. The race will be at Oak Power of the County of the Pound. Plikington offers to bet \$0,000 that Hanlan cannot give Rose dive seconds start and bet hum. Some of the Pound of the Will row at 178 pounds.

A Doctor Behends his Wife.

ALTOONA, Pa., April 7.-Mrs. Dr. L. U. Beach ALTOONA, Fa., April 7.—Mrs. Dr. L. U. Beach, wife of a prominent physician, was discovered in a room at her residence this morning with her head cut almost from her body. The Doctor was arrested.

The Coroner's jury found that Mrs. Beach came to her death at the bands of her husband he admits that he killed his wife, and says that he wants to be hanged or shot. He was received into the Lutheran Church yesterday morning, and partook of communion. It is generally believed that he is insane.

#### Capt. Clinchy Buye Land. Police Captain Clinchy has bought for \$10,000 a lot on 120th street, near Fifth avenue and facing Mount Morris square.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

William B. Smith was inaugurated Mayor of Philadelphia yesterday.

Charles Kelley, a rather dissipated youth of New Haven, who went West three years ago, was among the killed at the Ciscinnast riot.

James Kirby, the dupe in the graveyard conspiracy cases in Fall River, was sentenced to the House of Correction yesterday for one year. The chief conspirators escaped with all the booty.

William Brown, the negro who confessed having murdered the peddier La Vegne and chopped his body to pieces in Cahokia, Ill., some six weeks ago, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged on May 30.

A general order has been issued by the Executive day sentenced to be hanged on May 30.

A general order has been issued by the Executive Committee of the Gould and Wabash systems proclaiming a reduction of 10 per cent. In the salaries of all officers and employees receiving \$100 per month and over. The engineers and trainmen are not included.

There is an unusually large exocuse this spring of Prench Canada to the manufacturing etties in New Regissed. All in estimates that sensity 100 of these emigrants love the extension of the control of the

## COL. OCHILTREE MUCH SUED.

BOTHERED ABOUT THE RENT OF THE BARONESS ROTCHKOFFS FLAT.

Twice Called to Justice Monell's Con Going Once to Justice Buffy's-A Lady be Met Abroad who is Studying for the Stage. Mr. William Noble, the owner of the Orienta Flats, at Seventy-second street and Lexington avenue, rented to Mr. Samuel B. flat for a year. The lease expires on May 1, In the latter part of December Mr. Huxford subjet the flat to the auburn-haired Col. Thomas Porterhouse Ochiltree, Congressman from Texas. Mr. Huxford had previously furnished the flat, and Col. Ochiltree agreed to pay \$612 for its hire for the four months between Jan. 1 and May 1. Col. Ochiltree paid. Mr. Huxford \$500, which left \$112 to be paid. About Jan, 1 the Baroness de Rotchkoff took possession of the apartments.

Mr. Huxford owed Mr. Noble \$145, and gave him a note for \$100 and a chattel mortgage on the furniture in the flat for \$45. Mr. Noble sent to Mr. Huxford a month or so ago and told him that he would like to

and told him that he would like to have the hundred dollars. Mr. Huxford gave him an order on Col. Ochilitree for \$25. The next evening Mr. Noble sent his apperintendent to see Col. Ochilitree. Col. Ochilitree said that he would not pay the order, as he only knew Mr. Huxford.

A few days later Mr. Noble sued Col. Ochilitree in the Fifty-seventh street Civil Court, before Justice Monell. After some discussion the Justice said that Mr. Noble had a good case,

"All right," said the Colonel. "Just meet me this afternoon at the St. Jamos Hotel, and I will pay you."

Mr. Noble met him there, and Col. Ochilitree gave him \$92, the amount sued for and costs. This was on March 24. Not many days afterward a Mr. Morrow presented to Col. Ochiltree a bill demanding \$112. The Colonel promptly refused to pay it, saying that he had all ready naid most of the money to Mr. Noble. Mr. Huxford's claim for \$100. Col. Ochiltree left for Washington, leaving matters unsettled. He received, he says, a letter there from Mr. Huxford demanding the money on Morrow's claim.

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Huxford demanding the money on Morrow's claim.

Col. Ochiltree came on from Washington on Thursday and had Mr. Huxford summoned before Police Justice Duffy. He said that Mr. Huxford had written him a threatening letter. After the story had been told to Justice Duffy the Colonel concluded to let the case drop. In the meantime Mr. Morrow had begun suit before Justice Monell to recover the \$112 from the Colonel. The case came up on Friday.

The plaintiff wanted a postponment. Col. Ochiltree said he was needed at Washington. Couldn't wait, and didn't think he ought to be made to pay his debts twice. Justice Monell said that he would have to adjourn the case.

"There has been trouble enough already," said the Colonel, "and rather than have any more annoyance I'll pay the whole thing now," He left the court room, and in the corridor handed over to Mr. Morrow \$112. The next day he went back to Washington.

The Baroness de Rotchkoff is a handsome woman apparently 26 years old. She is tall, has light-brown hair, blue eyes, and a brilliant complexion.

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"Three months ago I came to America," she said last night with a very pronounced accent. I came from Paris, and brought with me letters of introduction to Col. Ochilitree and to the proprietor of the Park Avenue Hotel. I desire to go upon the stage and play tragedy, and I did not like to stay at the hotel. I asked Col. Ochilitree if he would not get me a quiet apartment. I had no lady friend, and could not speak one word of English. Col. Ochilitree got me this place from Br. Huxford. It was with my money that he paid the rent. It was with my money that he paid the rent. It was my money that was paid these two times. I have only one more friend here: it is Monsieur Clark, who was introduced to me by Col. Ochilitree. I do not go cat except to my instructor of elecution. Three times a week I visit him, and I am studying hard the English language."

"It is said that you are Col. Ochilitree's wife."

"It is not true," said the Baroness, "He mersiy comes to visit me as a friend. He does not live here. He lives in Washington, where he is a Congressman, I am much surprised that any one should say that. He kindiy acts for me in business matters."

Not long ago the Baroness sent for the paper in which was published an account about a rumored engagement of marrisge of Col. Ochilitree to Miss Mackay. After reading the account she shrugged her shoulders, and said:
"Well. It is nothing to me."

Plans were filed at the Building Bureau yesterday by John D. Phyfe and James Campbell, builders, for a large hotel to be erected on the west side of Fifth avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets. Work has aiready begun on the structure, which is to be of brown stone and brick, ten stories high, with a frontage on Fifth avenue of 201 feet, 145 feet on Fifty-single street, and 118 feet on Fifty-sighth. The building will cost about \$1,500,000. It is to be a family hotel. The site formerly belonged to the Anderson estate, and was sold to the present owners for \$400,000.

Breeklyn Democrats on the Tariff At the regular monthly meeting of the Den eratic General Committee of Kings county, held a Music Hall, Brooklyn, last night, Delegate Ross of the Music Hall, Brooklyn, last night, Delegate Ross of the Twenty-first ward offered a resolution recommending the representatives in Congress from Kings county to voie for the removal of sarff duties from all raw ma-terials and unmanufactured goods, and to sax all con-modities which may be considered invuries. The report of the special committee on the Fourteenta word troubles, recommending that the sitting delegate retain their seats, was adopted.

## A Blaning Church Belfry.

Fire in the wooden belfrey of St. Peter's German Lutheran Church at Forty-sixth street and Lexing ton avenue was drowned out by the firemen shortly be-fore 7 o'clock last night. The damage by fire and water to the church and a \$5.000 organ will reach \$10,000 and is covered by insurance. The roofers had been at work on the church during the day, and it is supposed that the fir, ocaught from one of their furnaces.

## Brooklyn's Gas War Over.

The war between the rival gas companies of Brooklyn has been brought to an end. The Futton Ma-nicipal and the Nassau companies have agreed that neither company shall encroach on the territory of the other, and that the uniform price of gas shall be \$20 en-1,000 cubic feet. It is said that the settlement was brought about by the purchase by the Kunicipal Com-pany of the new mains of the other company.

Forryboate in Collision, 4 As the Pennsylvania Railroad ferryboat Jensey City was leaving its slip at the foot of Exchange place, in Jersey City, yesterday at noon, its starboard bow crashed into the incoming ferryboat Hudson City. The guards of both boats were torn away up to the cabins. Passengers on the Hudson City were greatly frightened.

Tie Vote for Town Clerk.

At the recent election for town officers of Omining, David II. Benedict, Democrat, and Henry Austin, Republican, candidates for the office of Town Clerk, received the same vote. A new election will have to be called within thirty days. A Labor Moeting in Union Square.

A committee of the Central Labor Union received permission from the Park Commissioners yester-day aftermoon to hold the mass meeting in behalf of the sight-hour law, now hefors the Legislature at Aliano on next Monday evening at 80 slock in Union square.

The Signal Office Prediction. Light showers and partly cloudy weather;

## JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Alaska's time was 7 days, 12 hours, 23 minutes.

Gustav Traiter, a scaman on Jay Gould's steam yacht talanta, was taken to Bellevue Hospital yesterday to e truated for rheumatism. be treated for rheumalism.

Byran G. McRwyny and the brother of the late Jerome
J. Collins of the Jeannette expedition arrived from
Burope on the City of Berlin yesterday.

Robert Smith, trainer and pugilist, will have a benefit
in William Madden's hall on Thursday evening. A fourround glove contest for a pure, between Joseph Lake
and William Willett, will take place. The Rapid Transit Commissioners will meet this morning at 10 o'clock at the Wall Street Bank, in the Mills building, to open the books of antheription for the capital stock of the New York Cable Railway Company. The Aldermen's Law Committee will give a hearing on Friday to theatre mainacers and ticket specialcors on the resolution recommending the repeal of the ordi-nance permitting the speculators to sei tickets at the theatree. theatres.

The Jordan L. Mott from Works has builded at 116 of 100 of 100 from the Loring Andrews estate a six-sevenths interest in the property on the northwest corner of Seekman and Cliff strests. Old St. George's Chapel once stood on this site.

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A struck jury was impanelled yesterday in the Superior Cours, before Judge O'Gorman, for the trial of the suit by the New England Iron Company against the Gilbert (now the Metropollinn) Elevated Rairond Company, to recover about \$0.000,000 damages for alleged breach of contract to furnish tron to build the structure of the road. The trial will begin next week. At noon to-day, in the Exchange Salesroom, If Broadway, John F. R. Smyth will sell some design dwelling houses and building lots. Louis Mesign sell several hundred Brootlyn building lots. By the nett and A. M. Muller will sell some building lots other property. J. Cole will sell at noon, in the democrable Brootlery Brootlery Cole will sell at noon, in the democrable Brockers, E. W. Fulton street, Brooklyre, a posted of Breeklyn building lots.